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Application of : SLATER, Alan
Serial No. : 09/384,678
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For : **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MERCHANT FUNCTION
ASSUMPTION OF INTERNET CHECKING AND
SAVINGS ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS**
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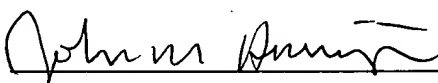
Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003, in the above-identified patent application. This extension of time will extend the period for response up to and including August 26, 2003.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the fees for this action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this action, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1458. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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